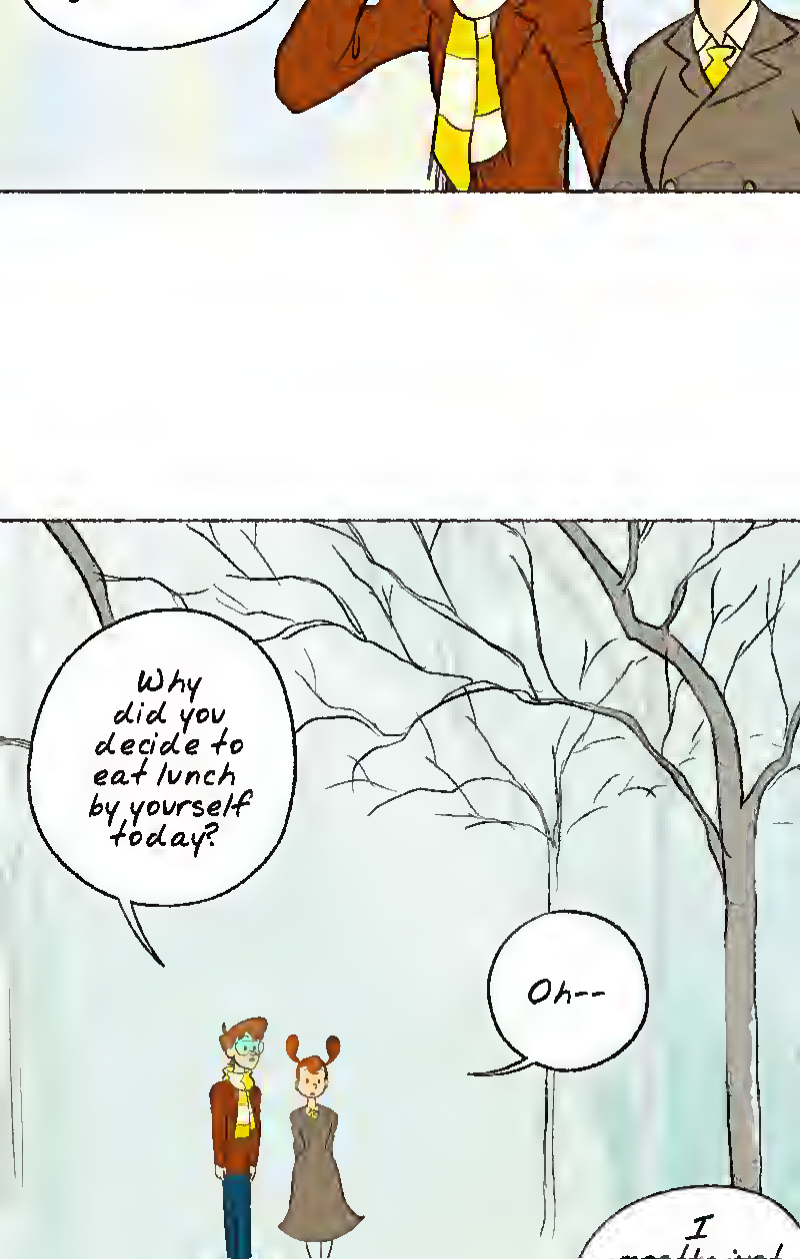
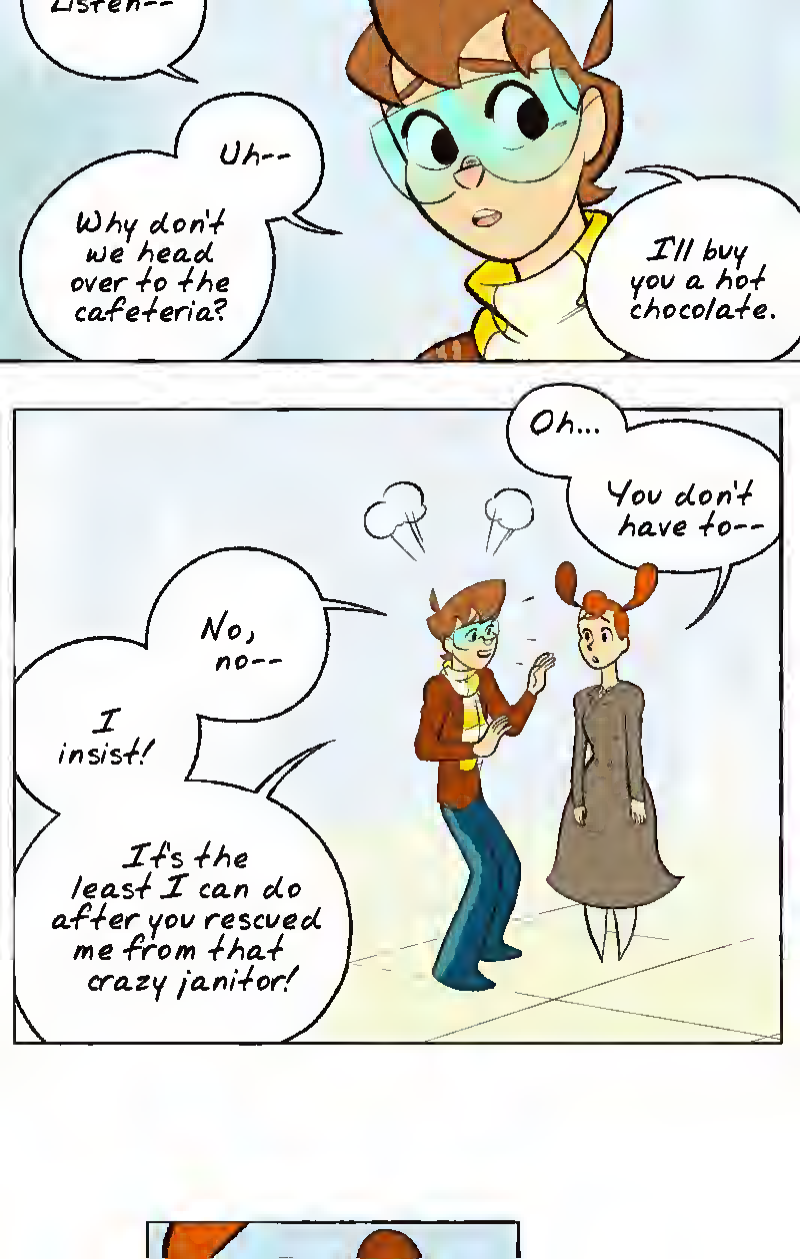
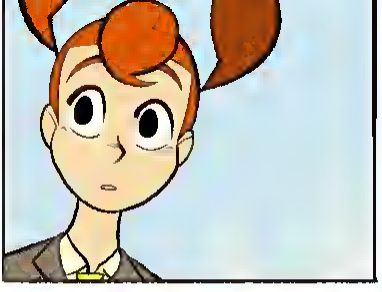
Thanks, Amy.
You saved my butt back there.
No problem.
Sorry about the moustache.
It's okay.
Honestly, I'm glad it's off.
The smell of super glue was making me lightheaded.


Why did you decide to eat lunch by yourself today?
Oh--
I

mostly just wanted to be outside.

Seeing the beautiful trees and the blue sky helps me think.


Listen--
Uh--
Why don't we head over to the cafeteria?
I'll buy you a hot chocolate.
Oh...
You don't have to--
No, no--
I insist!
It's the least I can do after you rescued me from that crazy janitor!



Okay.
Thanks, Zeph.

Cafeteria
Hey--
Don't eat the beef stroganoff.
Why not?
You heard about

that class pet that went missing right?
Uh..
Hamlet?
The hamster?
Yep.
Rumor has it the lunch ladies cooked him into the stroganoff.

What?
I know.
And on top of that...
...beef stroganoff has a ton of carbs.
Ha

ha.
Okay.
I guess I'll go with the fish then...
Ew, no.
That'll make your breath stink.
But--
Come on, Cassie--
This looks good.
I'm hungry.
Let's just pay and go sit down.
Well, fine but don't expect me to kiss you if you have fish breath.

Cassie, it's just lunch!
Why do you always have to--
To--
I'm sorry.
I'm

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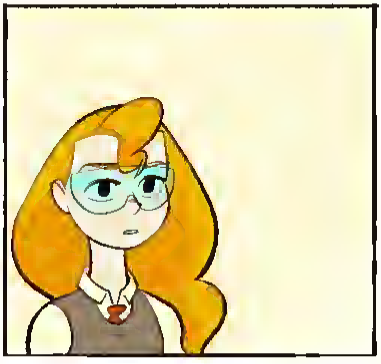
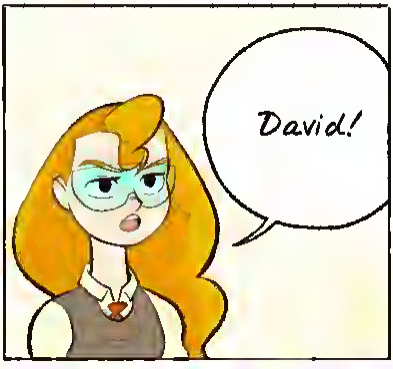
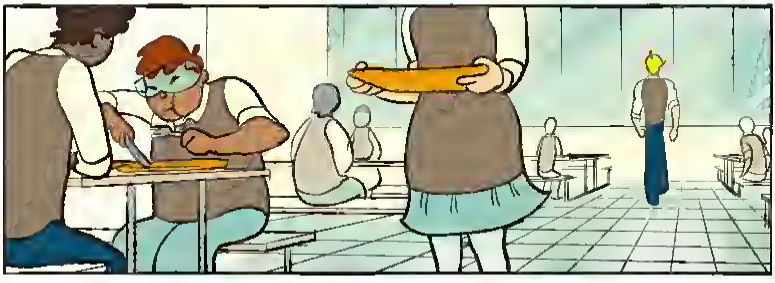
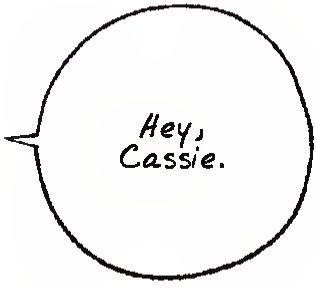
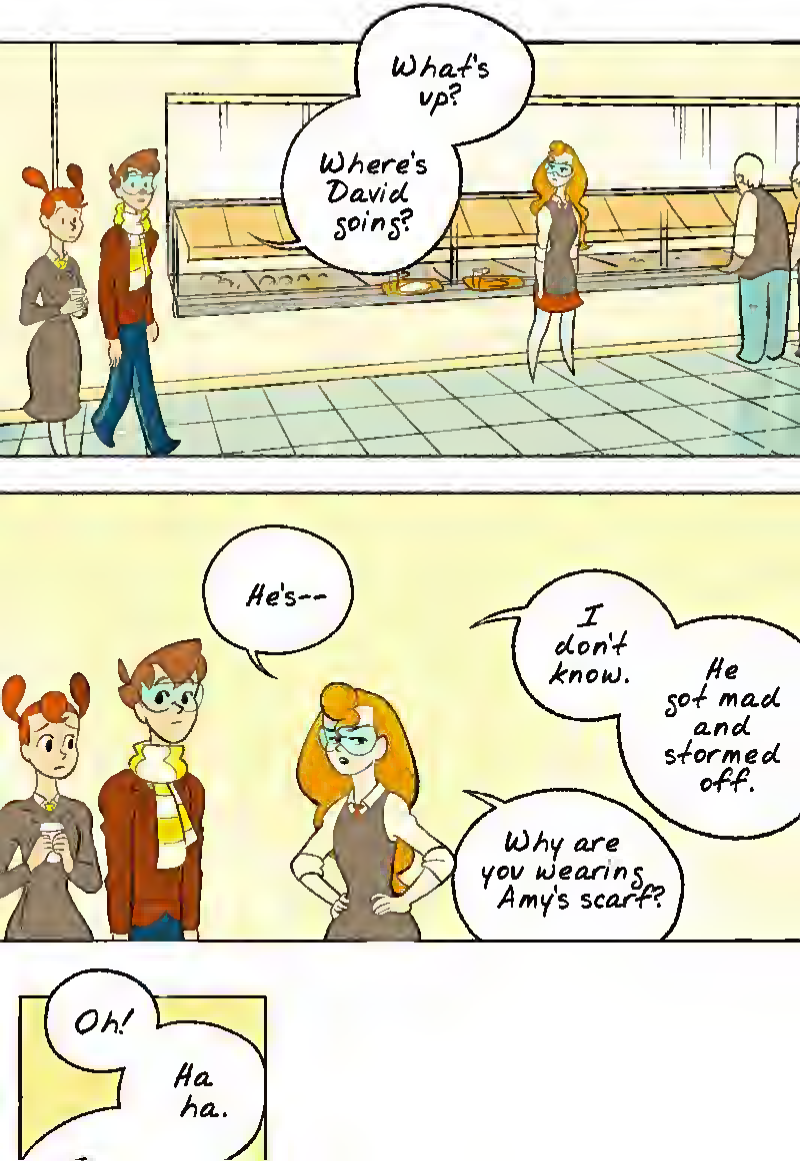
so for a
walk.




David!



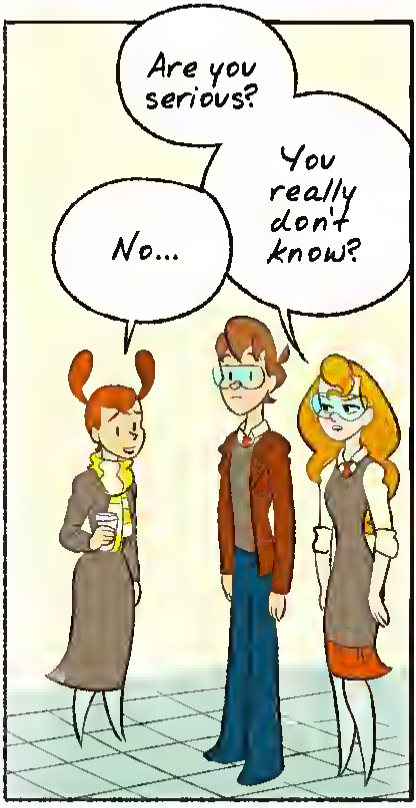

Hey,
Cassie.


What's up?
Where's David going?
He's--
I don't know.
He got mad and stormed off.
Why are you wearing Amy's scarf?
Oh!
Ha ha.

I guess I should take this off.
Thanks for letting me borrow this, Amy.
By the way, is yellow you're favorite color?
Yep!
I thought so-- I'll make sure to get you a corsage with yellow flowers.
A--
A what?

A corsage.
For the dance.

What's a corsage?


Are you serious?
You really don't know?
No...

Do you know what a boutonniere is?
No.
Wait-- Have you bought a dress yet?
Uh...
Amy, the dance is in four days!
This afternoon I'm taking you on an emergency shopping trip to buy a dress.

Ooh!
Can I come?

Absolutely not.

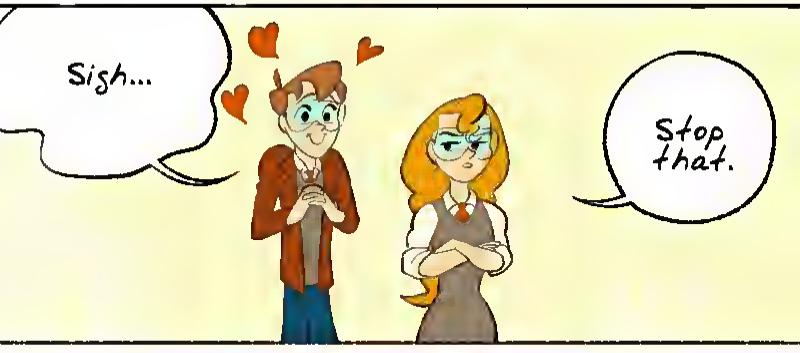
Do dresses cost a lot of money?

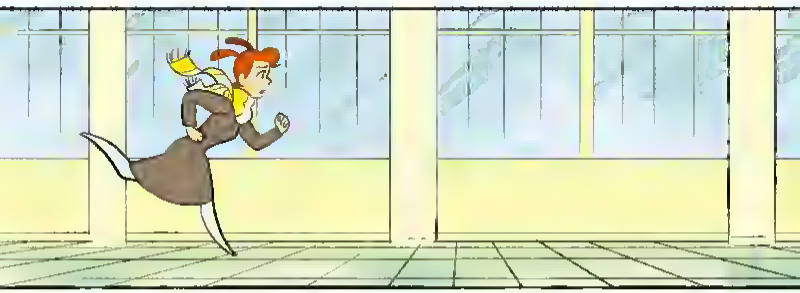
My family's on a tight budget right now...
Hey, don't worry about it.
You're talking to the bargain queen.
I once got an eighty-five percent discount on a pair of leather boots just by flirting with the clerk.
I also made him give me a free duffle bag.
Well...
I suppose we can--

Uh...
Hey...
I just realized there's something I need to do...
I'm sorry guys, I'll have to catch you later...
Cafeteria

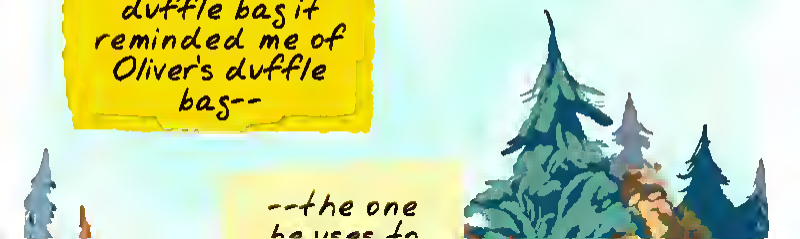
Hey--
Don't forget!
Dress shopping!
Today after school!
I'll be there!
Thanks for the hot chocolate, Zeph!

My pleasure!


Sigh...
Stop that.

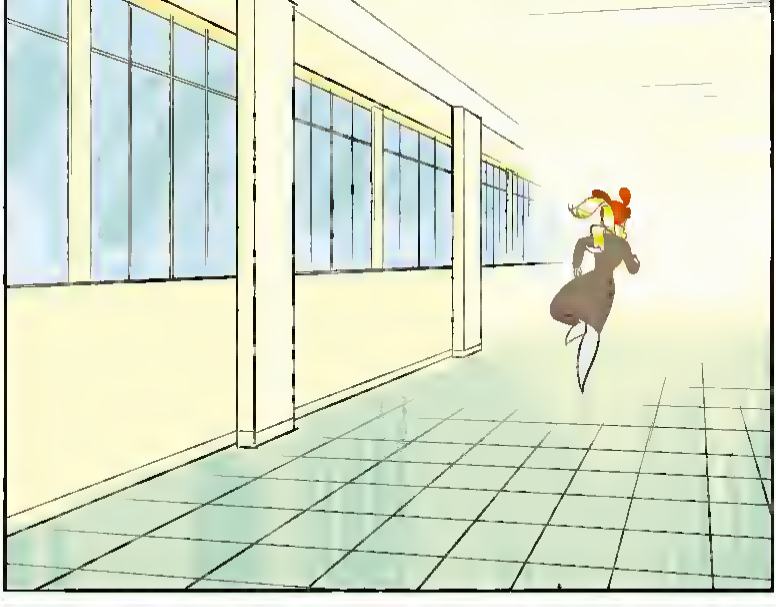


When Cassie mentioned the duffle bag it reminded me of Oliver's duffle bag--



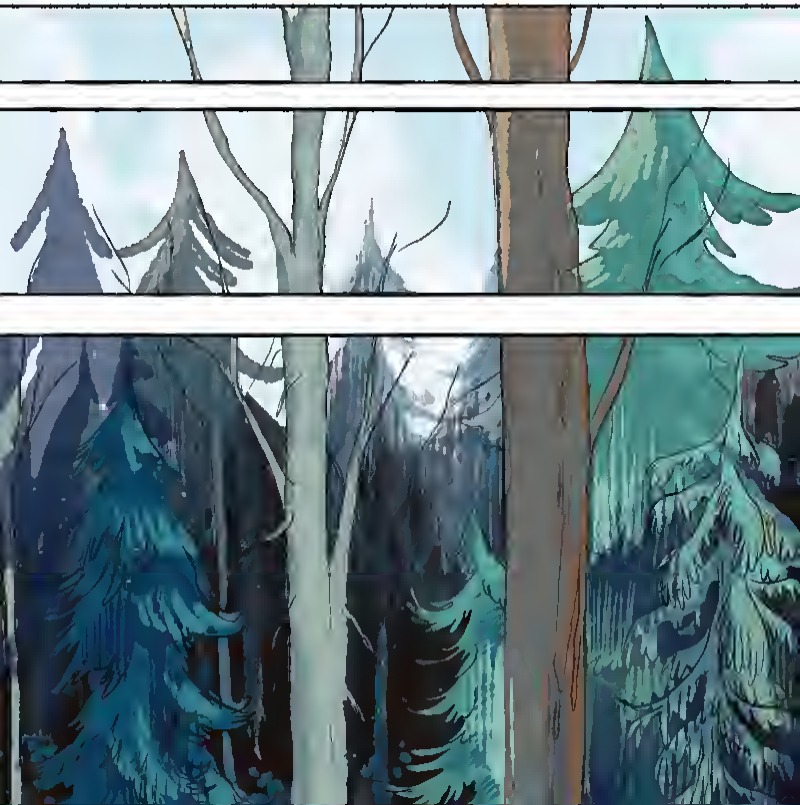
--the one

he uses to haul around his stolen art supplies.
It's so obvious!
Why didn't I think of it before?
Oliver said he was working on some sort of art project out in the forest behind the school...



Maybe that's where my search begins!

Maybe I'll find some clues about Oliver out there!



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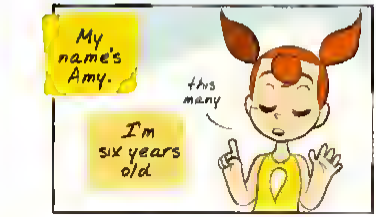
Cadets!

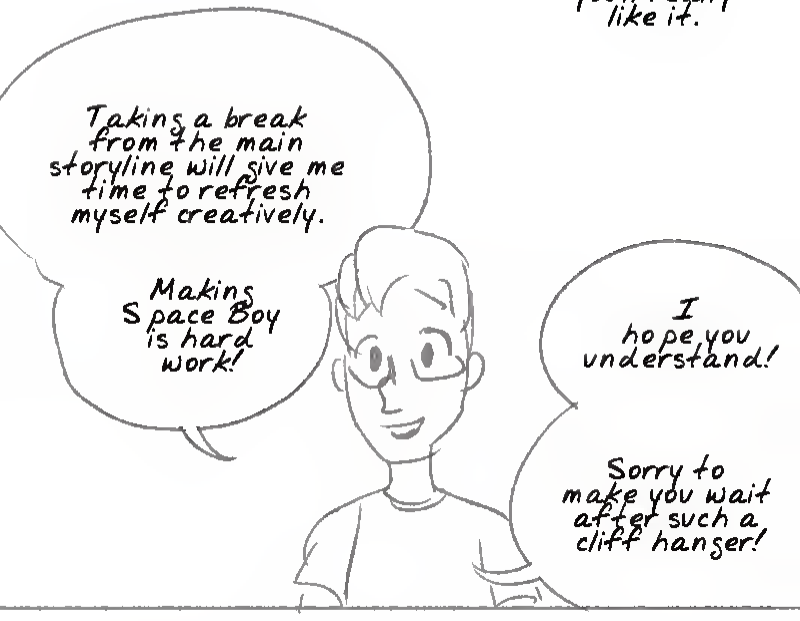
The next two episodes of Space Boy will be a bit different...

I'm going to do a short run of Lil' Amy comic strips...



...which will chronicle Amy's early life on the space station and the beginning of her relationship with Jemmah.

I think you'll really like it.


Taking a break from the main storyline will give me time to refresh myself creatively.
Making Space Boy is hard work!
I hope you understand!
Sorry to make you wait after such a cliff hanger!

Thanks so much for all your support--
I'm glad you exist!